

CRACKS IN THE FOUNDATION 2 SAM. 19:40-43, 20:1-2

I don't like to be right. I prefer to misread the situation. I always want to be either be wrong or to be proven wrong....

So, how do I see the future?

1. There are always cracks!

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Cracks: crevices, fissures, weak spots, divisions, failure(s) to cohere, failure(s) to properly set-up / set

Am I always right? NO! Of course not! I can spot and follow the cracks.

And cracks eventually crack further **IF** left alone!

This is true of individuals, churches, families, movements, & even countries.

2. There are cracks with long histories!

2 Samuel 20:1 And there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, **We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, **○ Israel**.** **2 Samuel 20:2** So every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri: **but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.**

Do you recognize how easily they split apart? Like, **maybe** they have done this b _____ ?

1 Samuel 11:8 And when he numbered them in Bezek, **the children of Israel** were three hundred thousand, and **the men of Judah** thirty thousand.

1 Samuel 17:52 And **the men of Israel** and **of Judah** arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron.

1 Samuel 18:16 But **all Israel** and **Judah** loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

2 Samuel 2:10 Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign **over Israel**, and reigned two years. **But the house of Judah followed David.**

2 Samuel 3:9 So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; **2 Samuel 3:10** To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, **and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba.**

2 Samuel 12:8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee **the house of Israel and of Judah**; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

2 Samuel 19:11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the **elders of Judah**, saying, **Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, even to his house.**

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1 Kings 4:25 And **Judah and Israel** dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, **all the days of Solomon.**

1 Kings 12:16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, **What portion have we in David? Neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: To your tents, ○ Israel**: Now see to thine own house, David.

So **Israel** departed unto their tents. **1 Kings 12:17** But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them.

1 Kings 12:20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that **Jeroboam** was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over **all Israel**: there was **none** that followed the house of David, **but the tribe of Judah only.** **1 Kings 12:21** And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon.

Judges 12:1-6

Facts: Israel was a nation of:

12 sons & 12 wives	12 tribes & wives of tribes
12+ locations / allotments of land	12 “dialects” This is certainly true of the North and South
12 competing interests	12 differing relationships
12 different histories & stories	

3. Those cracks are rarely about what we think / say they are about!

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So, what were these cracks really about?

- Jealousy
- Honor / dishonor
- History
- Patronage → our fair share
- Plus...

4. Cracks can be patched-up → at least temporarily!

2 Samuel 3:1 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 Samuel 5:1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. **2 Samuel 5:2** Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. **2 Samuel 5:3** So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. **2 Samuel 5:4** David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. **2 Samuel 5:5** In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

What can help an organization?

Good leadership	Unity of purpose
Common mission	Fighting your real enemies

What can help an individual / family?

Repentance	Obedience → the obvious application of Biblical truth!
A before & an after	I didn’t...but now I do!!!

5. Cracks patched-up tend to pop-up / break-up...again!

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, **Hebrews 12:2** Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith...